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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLARK M. CLIFFORD

Subject: Proposed enabling legislation for the establishment of a Central Intelligence Agency.

Transmitted herewith is a proposed draft of enabling legislation for the Central Intelligence Agency. It is somewhat more detailed and comprehensive than the draft submitted last July.

The current draft has been expanded in the light of the experiences of the last ten months and the administrative facilities available. However, it does not materially change the interdepartmental relationships conceived in the original Presidential letter of January 22, 1946.

Section 1 (a) of the current draft consists of Findings and Declaration.

Section 1 (b) consists of the Purpose of Act.

Section 2 consists of Definitions, as it was felt, in line with your Memorandum to General Vandenberg of July 12, 1946, that a definition of terms was desirable.

Section 3 (a) sets forth the Organization of the National Intelligence Authority, and delineates its powers. This is also in line with your Memorandum of July 12.

Section 3 (b) sets forth the Organization of the Central Intelligence Agency. The salaries have been set on a level established by the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. It was felt that this was necessary in order to attract the highest caliber of personnel to the Agency. In addition subsection (5) has been included in order to avail ourselves of experienced, retired personnel of the Armed Forces. The language is similar to that of Public Law 718 (79th Congress), which made similar provisions for the Veterans' Administration.

Section 3 (c) establishes the Intelligence Advisory Board.

Section 4 sets forth the Functions of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Section 5 has been omitted. It is thought to include, at a later date, a section on Control of Information, somewhat similar to Section 10 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. This has been delayed, pending receipt of information as to the position to be taken by the Department of Justice on

revisions to the Espionage Laws recommended by the War and Navy Departments and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Section 6 contains the General Authority, including a provision for termination of employment of personnel in the interests of the United States. This is similar to a provision in the Department of State Appropriation Act, 1947 (Public Law 470, 79th Congress, p. 14).

Section 7 is the section on Appropriations.

Section 8 is the section on Separability of Provisions.

Section 9 is the Short Title.

There is also included herewith a copy of your Memorandum for General Vandenberg, dated July 12, 1946, Subject: Proposed Bill for the establishment of a Central Intelligence Agency, and a Memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence containing comments addressed to your Memorandum.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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